

NOTICE OF A SECOND CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSTATE 85/U.S. 321 (NORTH
CHESTER STREET) INTERCHANGE IN GASTONIA

TIP Project No. I-5000

Gaston County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a second citizens' informational workshop on Thursday, May 17, 2012, from 4-7 p.m. at the Gaston County Citizens' Resource Center, located at 1303 Cherryville Highway (N.C. 279) in Dallas.

NCDOT proposes safety improvements to the existing Interstate 85 and U.S. 321 (North Chester Street) interchange in Gastonia. There are two alternative designs under consideration. Each design will retain some of the existing interchange, while new ramps will be constructed to help reduce the existing traffic congestion and delays in the interchange area.

Maps will be on display depicting the proposed improvement alternatives. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer any questions. The opportunity to provide written comments will be provided and is encouraged. Citizens may drop in any time during the workshop hours. There will not be a formal presentation.

A citizens' informational workshop is held to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the planning process and update them on a project's status. Comments and information received from the public will be taken into consideration as work on this project progresses. Additional public involvement will be conducted throughout the project development.

Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in January 2014, followed by construction starting in August 2015. These dates are tentative and subject to change.

For more information, contact Project Engineer Elmo Vance of the NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit at (919) 707-6048 or by email at eevance@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for anyone who wants to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Vance as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.